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Koji SAKIYAMA, et al.

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For: FLAT HARNESS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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2. European Patent Application No.: 0991139, published April 5, 2000
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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No.: 10136530,  
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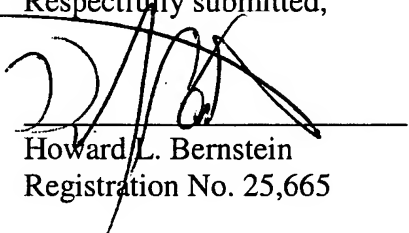
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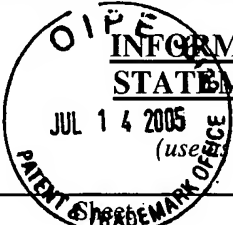
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